In view of the ██ve amendment and Applicant's comme██stated herein, Applicant respectfully requests an early and favorable action on the merits.

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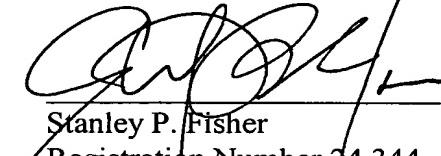
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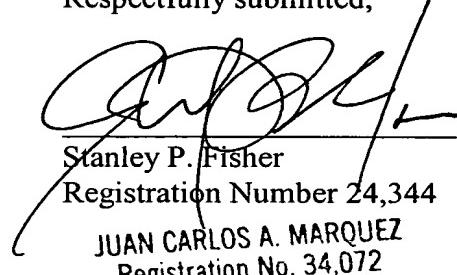
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<u>13.</u>   (Amended) A program for allowing a computer to realize the information retrieval system for retrieving information from a database, said information retrieval system ~~according to claim 1~~ <u>comprising:</u>

<u>means for representing an input screen for inputting query information;</u> <u>and</u>

<u>query vector representing means for representing a query conception</u> <u>assembled from the inputted query information as a query vector which contains</u> <u>a plurality of keywords and weights of the respective keywords.</u>